

chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee from the 97th through the 100th Congresses.

As chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Walter Jones committed himself to ensuring that the United States maintained a viable merchant marine fleet and maritime industry.

After leaving Congress in 1989, Walter Jones retired to Farmville, NC where he resided until his untimely death on September 15, 1992. Walter Jones was not only a dedicated, hard working and accomplished public servant, he was a good friend and mentor. I will always remember Walter Jones and I miss him to this day. It is fitting and appropriate to designate a Federal building and U.S. courthouse in his honor. I urge all my colleagues to support his long overdue legislation.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

HON. ANDREA H. SEASTRAND

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, today is former President Ronald Reagan's 84th birthday and thus a fitting time to remember his striking record of accomplishment and his uniquely American life.

Late last year, President Reagan once again tugged at the heart strings of our Nation by revealing he was in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease—an act of great courage. His intent was typically Reagan. It was not to gather sympathy, but to be an example and a beacon of hope for the millions of people who suffer from this disease.

Today, as the Republican-controlled Congress tries to move the Contract With America through the House of Representatives, we are reminded of the first revolution—the Reagan revolution—that swept through Washington during the 1980's. Many of the things President Reagan championed throughout his Presidency have found a home and a new life in the Republican Contract. Welfare reform, real spending cuts, the balanced budget amendment, giving more flexibility to the States, and the line-item veto were all regular features of the Reagan program stifled by the Democrat Congress.

President Reagan's list of accomplishments seems unending. On the economic front, Reaganomics—as it was derided by his opponents—produced the longest peacetime economic expansion since World War II and blew holes right through the traditional and current Democrat appeals to class warfare. The Reagan tax cuts reduced the top marginal income tax rate from 70 percent to 28 percent and took many low-income people off the tax rolls altogether. The double-digit inflation and soaring interest rates of the Carter years crumbled to record lows. As Mr. Reagan himself has pointed out on many occasions, his only regret was an inability to get Congress to cut spending.

In foreign policy, Mr. Reagan's steadfast commitment to peace through strength sent an important signal to the world that the United States would no longer stand back and watch an expansionist Soviet Union roll up more ter-

ritory. From Afghanistan to Angola to Nicaragua, the Reagan doctrine put the United States firmly behind the freedom fighters who sought to throw off the oppressive Soviet yolk.

Notwithstanding Time magazine's opinion, President Reagan was truly the man of the decade during the 1980's. There was no single figure more responsible for ending the cold war than Ronald Reagan. One sterling example was the 1986 Reykjavik summit. For 2 days the United States and the Soviets negotiated the most comprehensive arms-reduction treaty in history only to have Mikhail Gorbachev throw a big curve at the end—the United States would have to give up the strategic defense initiative. Ronald Reagan stood before Gorbachev and the world, held his ground, and said no deal. More than any single moment of his Presidency that was the nail right through the heart of the Soviet empire. As Gorbachev himself later admitted, when the Soviets realized that Reagan could not be bowled over, the game had changed and they did not have the resources to keep up.

President Reagan's policy of peace through strength was a hands-down winner. It was a winner in spite of his critics. All during his Presidency Ronald Reagan withstood a vigorous assault from the left. But, through it all, he remained committed to restoring our Nation's defenses. There would be no further examples of American helicopters breaking down over foreign lands, no more fears of a hollow Army, and no lack of morale on the part of American servicemen. Having lived through four major wars in his lifetime, President Reagan was determined to make sure that our Armed Forces—those who would be asked to defend American interests at home and abroad at a moment's notice—had the resources, the respect, and the commitment from their Government to do the job. As he so passionately and eloquently stated in perhaps his finest speech, the 40th anniversary of the allied invasion at Normandy: "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free."

Ronald Reagan was one of the finest President's in our Nation's distinguished history. Despite the arguments put forth by revisionist thinkers, President Reagan's place in history is secure. He stands next to the giants, Presidents like Roosevelt and Lincoln, who arrived at a time when the Nation desperately needed the passion and the leadership of a true believer. As he fights with courage, conviction, and that famous Reagan optimism against Alzheimer's, let us remember and pay tribute to a man who embodies the American Dream.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE BROOKS STEVENS

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened, but honored, to pay tribute to the late Brooks Stevens, a pioneer in industrial design who recently died in his and my home town of Milwaukee at the age of 83.

Our Nation has lost one of its most esteemed and accomplished citizens. But, he has left behind a legacy that will continue to touch our lives.

Mr. Stevens' distinguished career extends several decades. He was a founder of the industrial design business in the 1930's and, along with 13 others, met in New York to create the Society of Industrial Designers. Unlike the other designers, he resisted the temptation to move to New York, keeping his business, Brooks Stevens Design Associates, in the Milwaukee area.

Without us realizing it, Mr. Stevens' accomplishments in the world of design affect our lives daily. His ideas have helped make our lives easier, simpler, and grander. And, no doubt you have used one of his products.

One of Mr. Stevens' earliest successes was the prototype clothes dryer to which he added a window to draw attention to the function of the new product.

He was also responsible for the front fender design for the 1949 Harley-Davidson Hydraglide motorcycle, still used by the company in its heritage classic series of motorcycles.

Other inventions include the Lawnboy, the world's first rotary mower; the Excalibur, an ornate antique-style car with a regular powerful engine; the Miller Beer logo; the outboard motor; civilian Jeepsters after World War II; the Hiawatha train, which he designed from nose to tail; and of course, the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, the famed advertising car.

Mr. Stevens worked for a total of 585 clients throughout the world, producing 3,000 designs.

In his later years he devoted much of his time and talent to the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, where he spent three afternoons a week critiquing the work of design students. There is no doubt, Brooks Stevens was a national treasure. He personified the American spirit and the principles that have made our country great. Milwaukee will sorely miss his presence. But, he will continue to be an inspiration to all of us.

TRIBUTE TO CINDY BOWEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an outstanding Coloradan, Mrs. Cindy Bowen, on the occasion of her being awarded 1994 Commissioner of the Year.

Each year the Colorado Counties Board of Directors select a Colorado county commissioner in recognition of their achievements and contributions they have made the previous year. Cindy Bowen is no exception. Her innovative approach to problem solving made her a valuable player, not only in local politics, but in national politics as well. Through her hard work, Commissioner Bowen was instrumental in convincing Members of Congress of the need to increase funding to counties in order to compensate taxpayers for the impact of tax-exempt supporters.

Furthermore, Cindy Bowen is very active in several public land issues and participated in reviewing the Department of Interior's range-land reform proposals. In my opinion, Cindy is a very intelligent choice to be named this years Commissioner of the Year.